

Education, Junior Rangers, and Volunteers

Junior Ranger Program

Who are Junior Rangers? They are kids of any age who take the time to learn about our national parks and help educate friends and family about these special places. After completing required activities, kids take an oath, promising to help protect and preserve Petrified Forest, and receive a Junior Ranger badge. Would you like to become a Junior Ranger? Stop by the Painted Desert Visitor Center, Painted Desert Inn, or Rainbow Forest Museum and ask for a Junior Ranger activity booklet.

We invite YOU to become a member of this very special group of people. Help protect our national parks. Join the team—become a Petrified Forest National Park Junior Ranger!



What is the difference between a mesa and a butte? A mesa is a flat-topped landform with steep sides, typically wider than it is tall. A butte can also be flat-topped, but is taller than it is wide. A butte can erode from a mesa.

What kind of wildlife will we see? Some visitors never see any animals in the park. There are actually hundreds of species! Many of animals only come out at night or migrate. Others are camouflaged to blend into the environment, so watch carefully! Some of the most common animals include ravens, pronghorn, desert cottontail rabbits, collared lizards, and bull snakes.



Students participate in curriculum-based programs at the park.

Education Programs

Educators! Bring your students to Petrified Forest National Park for a curriculum-based program or pre-arranged ranger program. The park has endeavored to provide motivating educational opportunities for students while meeting the Arizona Science and Math Essential Skills. We are always delighted to have classes visit the park with the desire to learn more about this extraordinary place.

Petrified Forest offers:

- Curriculum-based programs on paleontology and archeology
- Pre -arranged ranger program for your school group
- In-class programs, when a ranger brings the park to your students

For information write to: Education Technician, Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest, AZ 86028
Call: the Education Technician at (928) 524-6228
E-mail: PEFO_Superintendent@nps.gov

Volunteers—Very Important People

Have you read the headlines lately? *Vandals Destroy Petroglyphs—Fossils are Stolen From Park—Petrified Wood Theft Continues*. This is what is happening on our public lands, lands set aside for everyone to enjoy. How can an interested person help deter the increasing damage to our cherished lands? Become a volunteer at Petrified Forest National Park!

Volunteers receive training about the park, including the fascinating scientific discoveries being made here and the problems in protecting our parks. Volunteers may work directly with the public at visitor centers, rove trails, aid researchers, or delve into the park collection with our museum curator. Volunteers are an important part of the National Park Service team.

Our volunteers are, without a doubt, Very Important People! Last year, nearly 150,000 volunteers donated 5 million hours of their time to national parks. The national parks belong to all of us and they need our protection. No one else will do it for us. If you care, please join us as a VIP, Volunteer- In -Park. Learn something wonderful, meet new people, and make a difference.

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Volunteers help in many ways at the park



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